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There follows biographic data on Soviet and pro-Soviet personalities in Albania:

a. Beqir Baluku:

Enver Hoxha's military adviser; Chief of Albanian General Staff.

[redacted] and takes part in all activities and intrigues of the Cominform in connection with military personnel. Baluku is said to have visited Moscow several times and has conferred with the military representatives of the satellites with reference to the guerrilla war against Greece and Yugoslavia (sic).

b. Lesnikov:

Admiral of the Soviet Fleet; specialist on coast and harbor defenses. Lesnikov has been in Albania since the start of 1949, supervising fortification construction. He suggested the fortifications at Saseno Island and is said to have formulated a plan for a supply system by submarine to transport war materiel to the guerrillas in the Peloponnesus. This plan never materialized. He is considered to be a specialist on the Adriatic and has a network for the collection of information concerning the Mediterranean.

c. Mitsenov:

Colonel in the Soviet Army, who was originally sent to Yugoslavia to aid in the reorganization of that country's army. In July 1948 Mitsenov attempted to enter an area controlled by the Greek guerrillas near the Greek-Yugoslav border; he was turned back by force and conducted to Belgrade by Yugoslav authorities. Mitsenov left for Hungary and finally for Albania during the time Soviet citizens were under surveillance in Yugoslavia. Mitsenov is allegedly the Operations Director of 3 Bureau of the Soviet Balkan Army.

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d. Artimnov:

Colonel of the Soviet Air Force. He was responsible for supplying the Greek guerrillas by air with materiel from Hungary. His Greek collaborators were Tsimokos and Ghigopoulos (guerrilla officers), 20 men of the Air Force (sic) who had fled from Greece, and Polish Major Mutuzazak, nephew of the Polish Military Attache in Paris.

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